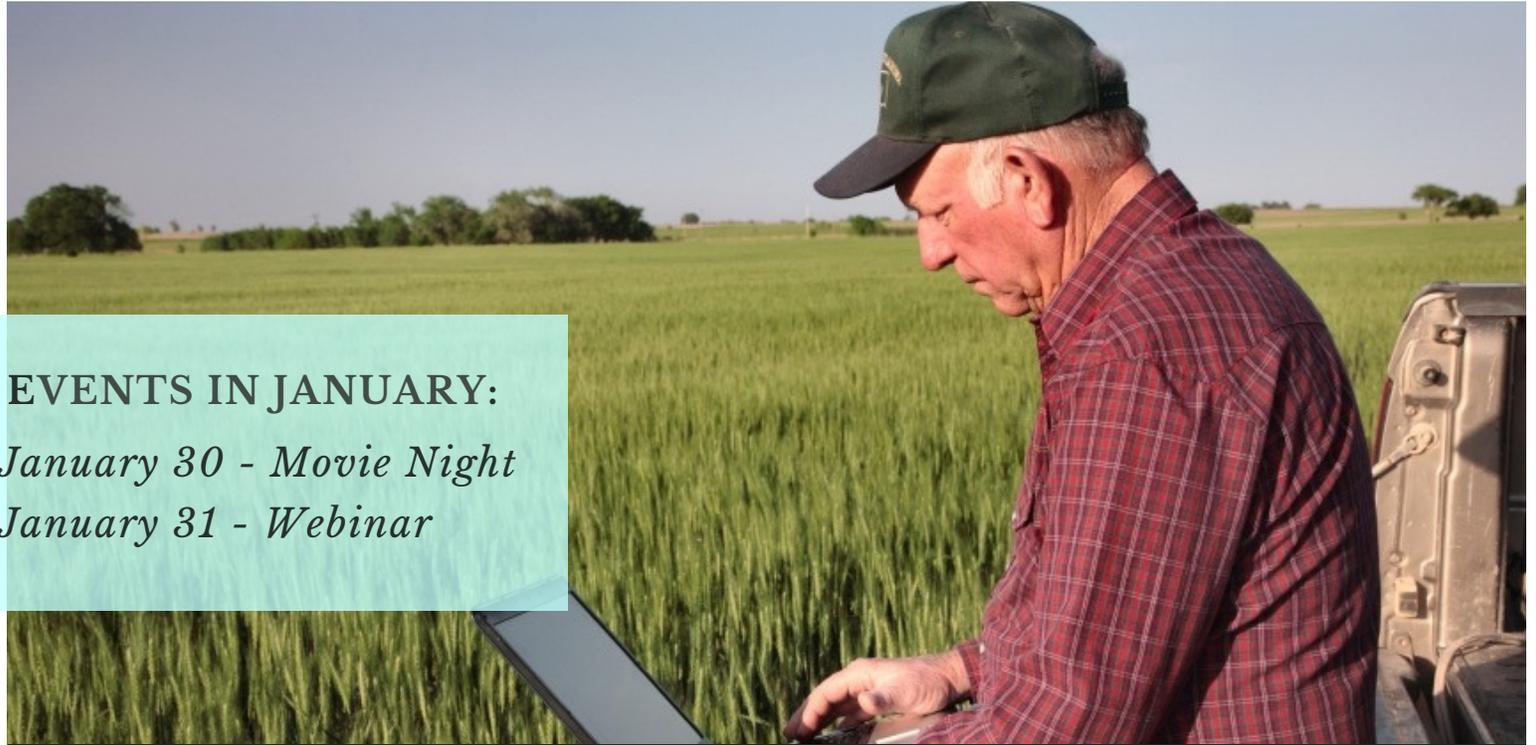


# Soil Health Coalition

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*Update for the New Year of Soil Health*



## EVENTS IN JANUARY:

*January 30 - Movie Night*

*January 31 - Webinar*

## HELLO AGAIN SOIL HEALTH COALITION MEMBER!

This past year has been exciting! The progress on the Soil Health Pilot has given the project team the confidence that the citizens and farmers in and around Erin are on board for digging deeper into learning more about management to improve soil health. The community can be rightfully proud that so many citizens and farmers are focused on soil health, water quality and adapting to climate change. There is more to learn and share and we trust you are on board for another year.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation will once again provide funding for 2019. The project fits the Greenbelt mission of improving soil health and water quality for the current citizens as well as future generations. We will be working to expand the funding commitment for another 2 to 3 years so that we can re-sample the soil carbon. We will be continuing to measure water infiltration, and deepen our learning about adapting land management for soil health as well as productivity, water quality, climate resilience, food security and nutrient density.



## A YEAR IN REVIEW

*Thank you to everyone who participated in the project in 2018! Site Participants, Citizen Scientists, Core Group, Community Members, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, Credit Valley Conservation, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Transition Erin, Peel Soil and Crop*

## REVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2018

- ★ Completed soil measurements on 28 sites in Erin and area
- ★ Coordinated 4 sessions to train 40 citizen scientists in assisting with site sampling
- ★ Held a Community Forum and Film Night, March Farmer Forum, Soil Carbon Sponge Workshop with Walter Jehne, On-Farm Workshop at Heartwood Farm and Cidery, Twilight Meeting with Peel Soil and Crop, Year End Open House and Workshop
- ★ Hosted a Soil Health Day for students at Erin Public School in their teaching garden

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### JAN 30: MOVIE NIGHT

MOVIE NIGHT at the Erin Legion. We're hosting an info table on opening night of the 2019 Erin Eco-Film Fest series, and invite you to come along to see the excellent documentary: "Being the Change". Visit the Soil Health Coalition table!

Free admission, great local food, and (optional) discussion after the film. For more information visit the Erin Eco-Film Festival website.

### JAN 31: WEBINAR

**We are hosting a webinar to review the soil and water measurements!**

To provide all site participants, and others, a deeper review of the soil and water measurements, we are hosting a webinar on January 31st in the evening.

You can register for the webinar by clicking here, or go to:  
<https://www.soilhealthcoalition.ca/registration/>

You will have the opportunity to type in your questions during the live webinar and hear what other participants are asking. The webinar will be recorded and available on the Soil Health Coalition website for your review and discussion. We are testing out this technology for training and information sharing, and we look forward to your feedback.

You can register for the January 31 webinar here:  
**CLICK HERE**



## PLANS FOR 2019:

*Getting to know our landscape and community*

- Webinars: to deepen understanding of the data, for training, and to share information
- Annual Farmer Forum
- Kitchen Table Meetings
- Citizen Scientist Recruitment and Training
- Water Infiltration Kits: available to participants to make self-directed monitoring easier
- Water Infiltration Measurements: revisit all 28 sites and complete water infiltration measurements
- Farm Tour Discussions and Demonstrations
- End of Year Soil Health Management and Outcome Sharing

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